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For: PROCESS FOR IN VITRO CREATION OF RECOMBINANT
POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES BY ORIENTED LIGATION

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 13, 2004, Applicant respectfully resubmits a corrected version of the **Amendment Following Office Action Dated July 30, 2003**, previously submitted on December 29, 2003. In the event that any fees are determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.